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1. DEMONSTRATIONS SEPTEMBER 27. PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS ORGANIZED PROMPTLY AFTER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE EXECUTIONS OF THE FIVE BASQUE AND MARXIST-LENINIST TERRORISTS MOBILIZED SOME 7000 MARCHERS IN STOCKHOLM AND 3000 IN GOTHENBURG SEPTEMBER 27. THE STOCKHOLM DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED TO A WELL-GUARDED SPANISH EMBASSY WHERE THEY SHOUTED "FRANCO MURDERER," BURNED A SPANISH FLAG, AND DELIVERED A PETITION. THE ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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VIOLENCE AT THE SPANISH EMBASSY WAS A BRIEF TUSSLE BETWEEN

POLICE AND ONE CLUSTER OF DEMONSTRATORS WHO APPEARED TO BE SPANISH EXILES INTENT ON BREAKING THROUGH POLICE BARRIERS TO STREAM INTO THE EMBASSY.

2. US. NO ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE US EMBASSY BEYOND AN ANONYMOUS BOMB THREAT BY TELEPHONE TO THE POLICE. THE NEWS-PAPER DAGENS NYHETER POINTEDLY INSERTED A REPORT OF CORTINA-KISSINGER TALKS SEPTEMBER 26 ABOUT US BASES IN SPAIN AMONG REPORTS OF INDIGNATION IN OTHER CAPITALS OVER THE EXECUTIONS. CONSERVATIVE SVENSKA DAGBLADET ATTRIBUTED ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL US REACTION TO PREOCCUPATION WITH ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS DIRECTED AT PRESIDENT FORD BUT ALSO SPECULATED THAT IF WASHINGTON'S RETICENCE WAS DUE TO CONCERN OVER US BASES, THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE WEIGHED AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY THAT US PASSIVITY WOULD HARDEN THE ATTITUDES OF A POST-FRANCO SUCCESSION GOVERNMENT TOWARDS THE US.

3. BOYCOTT THREAT. SWEDISH LEFT-WING ORGANIZATIONS ARE CALLING FOR WIDE-RANGING BOYCOTT ACTIONS AGAINST SPAIN, AND PARTICULARLY AGAINST SWEDISH TOURISM IN SPAIN. SWEDISH TOURISM IN SPAIN, HOWEVER, IS SO MASSIVE THAT THE CAMPAIGN APPEARS LIKELY TO HAVE ONLY A MARGINAL EFFECT. PROTEST STRIKE OF BAGGAGE HANDLERS DELAYED SOME 450 TOURISTS LEAVING STOCKHOLM-ARLANDA VIA S SPANISH CHARTER FIRM SPANTAX, BUT AT LEAST 2500 OTHER CHARTER TOURISTS TOOK OFF ABOARD SWEDISH AIRCRAFT WITHOUT HARRASSMENT OR DELAY.

4. ANTI-FRANCO GROUPS. DEMONSTRATORS IN STOCKHOLM INCLUDED SPANISH, CHILEAN AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN EXILES, BASQUE SEPARATISTS, AND VARIOUS SWEDISH ORGANIZATIONS LINKED WITH VIETNAM AND CUBA. ANTIPATHY FOR FRANCO GOVERNMENT AND CONDEMNATION OF EXECUTIONS, HOWEVER, COMES FROM VIRTUALLY ALL CURRENTS OF SWEDISH PUBLIC OPINION.
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